

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 were pending in this application. In the final Office Action, claims 1, 3-10, and 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zigmond et al. (U.S. Patent 6,698,020), in view of Parrella et al (U.S. Patent 6,507,764). Claims 2 and 11 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating allowable subject matter.

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 11, while claim 11 has been cancelled. As claim 15 recites similar subject matter to claim 1, claim 15 has also been amended to include the features of allowable claim 2.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment will place independent claims 1, 8, and 15 in allowable form. Furthermore, at least for their dependence on allowable claims, claims 4-7, 9-10, and 12-14 should also be allowable.

Dependent claims 16-19, which are substantially identical to respective claims 4-7 have been added. Because claims 16-19 recite no new subject matter, they are also believed to be in allowable form.

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In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance upon entry of the present Amendment. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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